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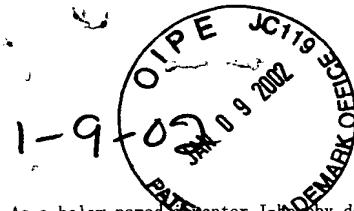
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# Declaration and Power of Attorney United States Patent Application

As a below named inventor I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

## Method and device for Drying Substrate

, the specification of which

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was filed as U.S. Application No. 09/889,484 on July 18, 2001 and (*if applicable*)  
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was filed as PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign and PCT application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America listed in this Declaration. I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

Foreign/PCT Application No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed?(yes/no)
PCT/JP99/04335	PCT	August 10, 1999	Yes
1999/9338	Japan	January 18, 1999	Yes
1999/122696	Japan	April 28, 1999	Yes

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 or § 365(c) of any United States application and PCT international application designating the United States of America listed in this Declaration and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

U. S. Application No.	Filing Date	Status (patented/pending/abandoned?)
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I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35 United States Code § 119(e) of any U.S. provisional application(s) listed below:

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